

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that have proven down through the years to be quite successful in enhancing quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through a steadfast dedication to providing spiritual services; and

**Whereas**, the Gasconade County Bible Society was founded in 1857 by the Reverend August Rauschenbusch, four other protestant ministers, and nineteen laymen; and

**Whereas**, on March 9, 1857, a call was issued for an organizational meeting to be held at the house of the Reverend C. Nestel on April 1, 1857, for the purpose of organizing a Bible Society that would be an affiliate of the American Bible Society; and

**Whereas**, when the first call attracted insufficient numbers of interested persons, a second call went out for a meeting at Saint Paul's Church in Hermann on May 12, 1857; and

**Whereas**, at the more successful second meeting, the Gasconade County Bible Society was formed with the Reverend F.G. Scheible as president, the Reverend August Rauschenbusch as secretary, the Reverend Carl Nestel as treasurer and depositor, and Dr. James Cooper as vice president; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend August Rauschenbusch was born in Altena, Germany, in 1816; came to the United States in 1846; and soon thereafter accepted an appointment with the American Tract and Bible Society of New York City; and

**Whereas**, after doing missionary work in Canada and the eastern United States, the Reverend August Rauschenbusch moved to Missouri, where he became a Baptist; and

**Whereas**, the Gasconade County Bible Society was established "for the sale and distribution of Bibles and Testaments... so that the Word of God might become known to the people and there be a means of salvation to the readers":

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Gasconade County Bible Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the establishment of their organization; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Gasconade County Bible Society.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charles Schlottach  
District No. 111

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted September 4, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker